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THEREOF**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An endoscopic surgical device comprising a slotted clear
cannula, a blade and a housing, wherein the cannula is
attached to the housing, and wherein the blade is enclosed in
the housing and is slidable into the cannula is disclosed. The
blade is enclosed within the housing and cannula, and has a
horizontally-oriented pushing component and a vertically-
oriented cutting component that protrudes through the slot of
the cannula. A method for a performing an operative proce-
dure on a target tissue in a subject using the endoscopic
surgical device is also described.

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